



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota has long been recognized as one of the healthiest states in the nation and a role model for others across the nation and world in protecting and promoting the health of its people; and

WHEREAS: Public health has played a crucial role in laying the foundation for good health and improved longevity, by working to immunize people against disease; identifying and controlling environmental health hazards and infectious diseases; improving the health of mothers and children; and promoting healthy behaviors, including increased physical activity, good nutrition, and smoking cessation; and

WHEREAS: The dedicated professionals at the Minnesota Department of Health and local public health agencies across the state have long been at the center of these efforts, working in a variety of exacting, scientifically-based disciplines, including medicine, nursing, education, nutrition, toxicology, epidemiology, engineering, and sanitation; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's health professionals have been on the leading edge of developing new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, addressing emerging environmental contaminants, providing valuable information to people about health care costs and quality, preparing for large-scale emergencies, and promoting healthy communities; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota faces an aging population and its associated challenges, including rising health care costs and the burden of chronic diseases, will require a strong public health system with an even greater emphasis on prevention and wellness; and

WHEREAS: Public health leaders are grateful for the contributions of people in all sectors of society who are helping build and sustain safe and healthy communities by focusing on education and economic development, the social determinates of health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2014, as:

## PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE